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BAINBRIDGE ISLAND DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION CONCIERGE TOUR A SUCCESS!

The 2008 Concierge Tour presented by the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association was a tremendous success. We hosted 15 concierge and their guests for a three-day Island extravaganza, jam-packed with memorable sights, sounds, and tastes.

For the past ten years, BIDA has produced and sponsored the Concierge Tour, educating and informing the Seattle Hotel Concierge Association, Concierge Guild of Seattle, and the Seattle Visitors and Convention Bureau that Bainbridge Island is *THE* place to send guests, conventioners, and visitors.

The Concierge Tour is a great opportunity for the concierge to enjoy and become familiar with our *Downtown Walkabout Guide*, which is the tool they use most in promoting Bainbridge Island to their guests. Each year, 80,000 *Walkabout Guides* are distributed statewide, with an emphasis on Seattle hotels, Washington State Visitor Centers, cruise and ferry terminals, and local businesses.

Jean-Paul Kissel, Chef Concierge at The Cosmopolitan Downtown Condominiums, said of this year's event, "Thank you and congratulations for a most successful Concierge FAM trip to Bainbridge Island...Please extend our gratitude to everyone involved in making our stay on the island so informative and fun. We had a great time and appreciated all the valuable resources we can now provide to our clients."

Special appreciation goes to the following BIDA partners for their indispensable assistance in producing the 2008 Concierge Tour:

A is for Artists Gallery	Blackbird Bakery	Harbor Square Wine Shop
Agate Pass Transportation	Bloedel Reserve	Island Country Inn
Andante Coffee	Bon Bon	Jean Kellerman
Ashton Woods	Bonnie McBryan & Cihan	Klaas Hesselink
August Moon Teahouse	Anisoglu (Electric Boat)	Madoka
Back of Beyond	Café Trios	Mayor Darlene Kordonowy
Bainbridge Arts & Crafts	Churchmouse Yarns & Teas	Real Foods
BI BBQ	City of Bainbridge Island	The Living Room
BI Chamber of Commerce	Dancing Paint	Winslow Way Café
BI Farmers' Market	Doc's Marina Grill	
BI Historical Museum	Exotic Aquatics	
BI Taxi	Four Swallows	

And thank you to the following downtown merchants who donated items for the Downtown Treasure Hunt Shopping Tour:

A is for Artists Gallery
Adam and Eve Clothing
Ambrosia Beauty
Andante Coffee
August Moon Teahouse
Bainbridge Arts & Crafts
Blinx
Blue Door Gallery
Bon Bon

Churchmouse Yarns & Teas
Dancing Paint
Eagle Harbor Book Co.
Esther's Fabrics
Exotic Aquatics
Indulgence Bed & Bath
Kennedy & Kate
Magnolias on Madison
Mora Iced Creamery

Oil & Water Art Supply
Paper Products
Paraffine
Real Foods
Sweet Deal
Taste Local Wines!
The Traveler
Zia, A Clothing Store